



## Memorandum

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To: Ecosystem Roundtable Members

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Subject: FY 2001 Planning

### Summary

CALFED is in the process of developing a panel of scientist to develop the FY 2001 Implementation Plan. Attached is a proposed list of scientific disciplines which are proposed for representation on the science panel. The Ecosystem Roundtable will be asked to concur with the representation of scientific disciplines for the FY 2001 panel.

### Detailed Discussion

The Restoration Coordination Program began its transition to long-term implementation in 1999 and continued the transition in FY 2000. Planning and implementing a process for FY 2001 ecosystem restoration will lead to the completion of the transition and allow future implementation of the Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) in a timely and consistent manner. Future solicitations for projects including the solicitation which is being planned for FY 2001, are expected to be increasingly focused, with every project approved making measurable progress towards implementation of the long-term plan.

The definition of a clear annual implementation plan is the foundation and first step in the annual ecosystem restoration implementation process. The annual implementation plan will be developed in the first quarter of the year prior to the year being funded. For example this year, the FY 2001 implementation plan will be developed in the first quarter of FY 2000. Annual implementation plans are based on the goals and programmatic actions contained within the ERP combined with public, agency, and stakeholder input, policy decisions and the CALFED solution principles. Annual implementation plans must be sufficiently detailed to form the basis for project selection.

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#### CALFED Agencies

<b>California</b>	The Resources Agency Department of Fish and Game Department of Water Resources California Environmental Protection Agency State Water Resources Control Board Department of Food and Agriculture	<b>Federal</b>	Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Geological Survey Bureau of Land Management U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service U.S. Forest Service Department of Commerce National Marine Fisheries Service Western Area Power Administration
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CALFED is in the process of developing a panel of scientist to develop the FY 2001 Implementation Plan. The science panel would be comprised of six to twelve academic, agency, or stakeholder scientists. Program guidance would be provided to the scientists in the form of past accomplishments and status of ecosystem projects, projected financial constraints and overall status of the ERP and other program elements. The science panel would be asked to prepare a draft annual implementation plan including programmatic actions which would form the basis of project selection. This preliminary plan would be taken to the public at a workshop with the intent to receive input during its development. The preliminary plan and public comments would be taken to the Ecosystem Roundtable for their recommendation. BDAC would be asked to concur with the Roundtable recommendation and the annual implementation plan would be forwarded to the CALFED Policy Group for approval.

It is anticipated that this group of scientists would also be involved in assisting in the selection of FY 2001 ecosystem restoration projects. The selection of individual scientists to serve on the science panel will be dependent on a number of factors including availability, expertise, and conflict of interest issues. It is anticipated that the specific science panel composition will be provided to the Ecosystem Roundtable for information at the December meeting, and that the science panel would have recommendations which would go to a public workshop and then through the approval process in January 2000.

Attachment

FY 2001 Science Panel Composition  
Represented Scientific Disciplines  
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Fisheries biologist

Restoration ecologist

Fluvial geomorphologist

Riparian specialist

Hydrologist/engineer

Watershed expert

Water quality specialist

Non-native invasive species expert

Wetlands/marsh/estuarine specialist

Resource economist